



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2004  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 1177**

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**Chairperson:** DiAnna R. Schimek  
**Committee:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Date of Hearing:** February 11, 2004

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of the bill is to “clean-up” and make technical changes to Nebraska’s election laws. Many of the changes contained in LB 1177 are in response to provisions of the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) which were adopted by Nebraska in 2003.

Issues addressed in the bill include absentee ballots, the elimination of a postmark date, clarifying when voters can be purged from the voter registration register, outlining procedures for persons waiting in line to vote when the polls close, when to count provisional ballots, and the elimination of the “abbreviated transfer of registration” form.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator DiAnna R. Schimek**